

# Did the Prophet Hate Green and White Jars?

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## Argument:

We read in Saheeh Bukhari, Vol. 7, Book 69, Hadith 501:

Narrated Ash-Shaibani:

I heard `Abdullah bin Abi `Aufa saying, "The Prophet forbade the use of green jars." I said, "Shall we drink out of white jars?" He said, "No."

What problem did your Prophet have with green and white jars?

## Response:

The problem was not with the green and white jars per se; rather, the problem was with getting drunk.<sup>1</sup> It is just that green jars were what nabidh was most commonly served with,<sup>2</sup> and green jars were known to accentuate the taste of nabidh more quickly.<sup>3</sup> However, regardless of the color of the jar, the Prophet (peace be upon him) forbade drinking intoxicants in any jar.

In summary, the Prophet's (peace be upon him) commands had nothing to do with the color of the jars per se in that the Prophet (peace be upon him) gave a general command to never use green or white jars. On the contrary, they are permissible to use, but not for forbidden things as in the context of his statement.

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<sup>1</sup> Badr ud-Deen al-'Aini in his commentary on Saheeh Bukhari said:

حاصل الكلام أن النهي يتعلق بالإسكار لا بالخضرة ولا بغيرها

<sup>2</sup> Mulla Ali al-Qaari, in his commentary on *Mishkaat al-Masaabeeh*, said:

نهى رسول الله عن نبيذ الجر الأخضر بالإضافة بمعنى في والجرار والجر جمع جرة بالفتح هي كل ما يصنع من مدر على ما في المغرب وفي النهاية وهي الإناء المعروف من الفخار وأراد بالنهي الجرار المدهونة لأنها أسرع في الشدة والتخمير قال الخطابي وإنما جرى ذكر الأخضر من أجل أن الجرار التي كانوا ينتبذون فيها كانت خضرة والأبيض بمثابة يعني ولذا قال الراوي قلت أنشرب في الأبيض قال لا ففيه دلالة على أن لا اعتبار بالمفهوم

<sup>3</sup> Ibnul Jawzi said in his *Kashf al-Mushkil*:

إنما نهى عن الأخضر لأنه يسرع فيه اشتداد النبيذ